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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 203974 ACTION GENEVA SEPT 17TH

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, EC

SUBJECT: XXIV:6

REF: STATE 182371; GENEVA 4973; GENEVA A-282

1. EC LETTER TO GATT DATED JULY 29 GAVE NOTIFICATION THAT NEW GATT TARIFF SCHEDULE CAME INTO EFFECT AUGUST 1. AT THAT TIME EC INDICATED THEY WOULD FORMALLY SUBMIT NEW SCHEDULE TO GATT SECRETARIAT FOR CERTIFICATION SOMETIME AFTER MID SEPTEMBER. US MISSION REQUESTED TO:

A) CONFIRM THAT NEW RATES NEGOTIATED DURING XXIV:6 EXERCISE CA E INTO EFFECT AUGUST 1 AS INDICATED IN EC JULY 29 LETTER. FYI - EC AGREEMENT IS TO PUT RATES INTO EFFECT PRIOR TO JAN. 1, 1975. IF RATES NOT NOW IN EFFECT MISSION SHOULD REQUEST WRITTEN CONFIRMATION THAT RATES WILL BE IN EFFECT BY THAT TIME.

B) ASCERTAIN WHETHER 3 ACCEDING COUNTRIES WILL PUT
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NEW RATES NEGOTIATED DURING XXIV:6 INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

IF THEY ARE NOT, WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR STAGING?

C) DETERMINE WHEN SCHEDULE WILL BE FORMALLY NOTIFIED.

FYI - GATT BASIC INSTRUMENTS AND SELECTED DOCUMENTS
16TH SUPPLEMENT - APRIL 1969, PG. 17 STATES QUOTE WHENEVER
PRACTICABLE CERTIFICATIONS SHALL RECORD THE DATE OF ENTRY
INTO FORCE OF EACH MODIFICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF
EACH RECTIFICATION END QUOTE.

D) CONFIRM THAT 60 DAY PERIOD FOR RECTIFICATION AND
MODIFICATION WILL BEGIN ONLY AFTER SCHEDULE IS FORMALLY
NOTIFIED.

E) DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES IN EC SCHEDULE
TO BE SUBMITTED FORMALLY FROM SCHEDULE SUBMITTED AUG. 1.
FYI - WE NEED CONFIRMATION OF THIS TO COMPLETE TENTATIVE
LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR RECTIFICATION AND MODIFICATION WHICH
IS BEING PREPARED FOR SUBMISSION. PLEASE FORWARD
RESPONSE TO THIS INQUIRY SEPARATELY ASAP.

F) AS THE EC DID NOT NOTIFY STAGING SCHEDULE FOR
ALIGNING ENTIRE TARIFF SCHEDULE OF THE ACCEDING STATES TO
CXT AS CONTAINED IN TREATY OF ACCESSION, MISSION REQUEST-
ED TO ASCERTAIN EC VIEW OF GATT STATUS OF THIS SITUATION.
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